

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 8 as follows:

Fig. 4 shows a front half of the knit tubular member 128. The knit member 128 is preferably formed from a wire 134 having a generally circular cross-sectional shape. The diameter of the wire is preferably ~~about 0.5~~ about 0.3 mil. – 1.5 mil. The loop length L of the knit may be about 3.0 mil. – 15.0 mil., and the peak-to-peak height H of the loops may be about 3.0 mil. – 30.0 mil., for example. The wire may have other cross-sectional shapes such as rectangular (i.e., ribbon), for example. The knit tubular member 128 is preferably knitted from a single strand and configured with the “down loops” and “up loops” having the same size. Multiple strands or other knit configurations may also be used. For example, multiple strands of the same or different material may be knit together (i.e., co-knit), as is well known by those skilled in the art. The knit member 128 may also be formed from a multifilament wire comprising stainless steel, platinum, nitinol, or any combination of these or other materials. For example, the multifilament wire may comprise stainless steel and platinum, or nitinol and platinum.